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<u>VORKUTA</u>	94	F-6
<u>PLACE</u>	AAF CHART NO	FN EVAL IN CODE NO
<u>KOMI ASSR</u>	US Citizens Interned in Russian Convict Camps	
<u>POLITICAL LOCATION</u>	DESCRIPTIVE NAME	at VORKUTA
<u>NORTHWEST</u>		
<u>SOVIET ECON REGION</u>	PROPER NAME	IMENI MN & NO
<u>Mar 50 - Jan 54</u>	SCHMIDT, Helmut	27 April 1954
<u>DATE OF INFO</u>	SOURCE	DATE OF INTERVIEW

PREAMBLE: While interned in Russian convict camp No. 6 at VORKUTA (67 30N/64 00E) from March 1950 to January 1954 SOURCE occasionally had conversations with convicts who claimed to be US citizens. The information submitted by SOURCE is based on these conversations and on SOURCE'S own observations.

REFERENCE: SRI - E 3350


INFORMATION:

1. A colonel of the US Army, name not recalled, approximately fifty (50) years old, 1.80 meters tall, slender, grey hair. SOURCE met this man in convict camp No. 6 in early 1953. The colonel told SOURCE that he had been kidnapped in the Russian Sector of VIENNA in 1948 by the Russians, while making a trip by car with his girl friend. The colonel believed that his girl friend had betrayed him to the Russians. SOURCE stated that the colonel was still in convict camp No. 6 when he left the VORKUTA area in January 1954.
2. EISENHOWER, Otto: Approximately fifty (50) years old, 1.70 meters tall, stout, with grey hair and moustache. SOURCE learned from EISENHOWER that he had gone to VIENNA in 1946 in order to marry a Viennese girl. On this occasion he was kidnapped by the Russians. SOURCE was told by EISENHOWER that he had been a horsebreeder and that he had owned a farm near BUENOS AIRES. SOURCE was not too positive if EISENHOWER was an English or a US citizen. He stated that EISENHOWER spoke English, French and Spanish. In early 1953 EISENHOWER left convict camp No. 6 and SOURCE never heard of him again.
3. A soldier of the US Army, called "JOE", approximately forty (40) years old, 1.70 meters tall, slender, with dark blond hair. He had a scar at his right eye and limped on his right leg. SOURCE met this man once in January 1954 at the taylor's shop. He heard from "JOE" that he had been sentenced to five (5) years at forced labor in 1945 and that he had been "free" since 1950. However, he was not allowed to leave the VORKUTA area and to return home. Petitions sent to MOSKVA (Capital)

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by this man came back with the remark to wait for a furth notice. "JOE" was the master of the bath-house beling to coal mine No. 29. He lived with a Russian woman, but he was not married to her.


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